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4. Cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/935,170, filed August 23, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,553,660. This application is related to U.S. Applications Serial No. 10/152,839, filed May 23, 2002, and Serial No. 10/357,221, filed February 4, 2003.

7. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-one (21) sheets, Figs. 1-21.

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9. The prior application is assigned to Renesas Technology Corp. and Hitachi Hokkai Semiconductor, Ltd.


10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

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The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed

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